restricted to this species if it is not ultimately held allowable. As such, Applicant hereby elects to proceed with the lower C_1 to C_6 alkyl group species.

Applicant respectfully traverses the species election as the species groups recited the Examiner relate only to minor substituents of the molecule of the invention and, particularly in the case of a hydrogen substituent as opposed to a carbon alkyl group or a benzyl substituent are all species which are closely related and would not require separate searches from the base molecule.

However, in the event that the species election is maintained, Applicant elects to proceed with lower C_1 to C_6 alkyl group. If no generic claim is allowed and the election is maintained, Applicant will restrict all claims to this species.

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